

CHAPTER 921
SEWER REGULATIONS

921.01 SEWER DISTRICT ESTABLISHED.

There is hereby established within the County of Franklin a sewer district which shall include all of the territory within the City, and outside the City where sewer services are provided by the City to one or more property owners pursuant to contract.

921.02 DEFINITIONS.

The following definitions are applicable specifically to Chapters 921 and 925 of the City Ordinances:

- (a) "Administrator" means the Administrator of Groveport or his authorized agent. Specific reference is made herein to the Contract executed between the City of Groveport and the City of Columbus for sewer service and the specific authorities vested therein to the Director of Public Service of the City of Columbus. Authorized Agent shall include the Director of Public Service of the City of Columbus.
- (b) "Building sewer" means that part of the sanitary sewer system which connects the plumbing of the house or building to a common or public sewer. The building sewer begins three feet from the foundation wall and shall comply with the requirements of Section 921.04(b).
- (c) "City" means the City of Groveport, the Administrator or his authorized agent.
- (d) "Clean waste waters" means those liquid wastes discharged from industrial plants and from commercial or public buildings which, upon analysis, are found to be of such character as to have no harmful polluting effect upon any stream or other body of water into which they may discharge either directly or indirectly.
- (e) "Condensing water" means water used in closed systems for condensers of refrigeration and air conditioning units. Such water shall not be discharged into sanitary sewers.
- (f) "Domestic sewage or sanitary sewage" means sewage derived principally from dwellings, business buildings, institutions and the like, which originates within the buildings, including the wastes from kitchens, water closets, lavatories, bathrooms, showers and laundries.
- (g) "Foundation drains" means subsurface drains laid around the foundation of a building, either within or outside of the building foundation for the purpose of carrying ground or subsurface water to some point of disposal.
- (h) "Industrial sewage" means the liquid wastes from industrial processes as distinct from domestic sewage.
- (i) "Sanitary sewers" means a pipe or conduit designed for the purpose of carrying domestic sewage and industrial sewage from the point of origin to a sewage treatment or disposal works or to a place of disposal but which is not intended to carry storm, surface, ground or subsurface waters.
- (j) "Sewage" means the liquid or water carried wastes from residences, business buildings and institutions, together with those from industrial establishments and with such ground water, surface water and storm water which may be present.

(k) "Sewerage system" means all of the facilities for collecting, pumping, treating and disposing of sanitary sewage.

921.03 PERMITS REQUIRED.

(a) Before any building sewer is repaired or altered, a permit shall be obtained from the Administrator. Such permit shall be issued only to a licensed sewer tapper who can satisfy the Administrator that he is competent to do such work. An inspection charge of one hundred dollars (\$100.00) shall be paid to the Administrator at the time the permit is obtained. The sewer tapper applying for a permit shall furnish the street address of the building to be connected and the number of the lot as determined by the Franklin County Auditor's Office. All permits herein provided shall become null and void ninety days from the date of issuance. No refund of the inspection charge shall be made unless a request is made and the permit returned within the above mentioned ninety days.

(b) The sewer tapper to whom a permit is issued shall be held responsible for the proper installation of the building sewer in accordance with the rules and regulations contained herein.

921.04 BUILDING SEWERS.

(a) Inspections. All building sewers shall be inspected and approved by the Administrator after the pipe has been laid but before being covered with backfill. The sewer tapper to whom the permit has been issued shall call the Administrator, requesting the inspection, at least one-half day before the inspection is desired.

(b) Separate Sewers Required. A separate and independent building sewer shall be provided for each residence or building; except where on building stands at the rear of another on an interior lot and separate building sewers cannot be made available to each building, then one building sewer may be extended to serve both buildings. A permit shall be obtained, as required in Section 921.03, for each building connected to the building sewer.

(c) Materials.

- (1) The building sewer shall be constructed of a size not less than six inches, internal diameter, and shall be of extra strength vitrified clay pipe, ductal iron pipe, concrete pipe, PVC pipe (ASTMD3034), or asbestos cement pipe, and with water tight joints using proper curves for all changes in alignment or grade. The Administrator may require the sewer tapper to demonstrate the water tightness of the joints by such tests as may be necessary.
- (2) Where the building sewer shall cross unstable soil or close to a tree or trees where roots may enter the joints, extra heavy cast iron pipe, solidly caulked with lead, may be required.

(d) Grade and Construction.

- (1) The building sewer shall have a minimum fall of one-fourth inch per linear foot from the building to the public sewer. The Administrator may, by special permission in each case, authorize the building sewer to be constructed with a fall as little as one-eighth inch per linear foot if he determines such procedure to be desirable.
- (2) The interior of each length of pipe shall be made perfectly clean and free from offsets, fins and projections before the next length is connected thereto. All building sewers shall be graded by line and pole, the line being first leveled from the building to the lateral or public sewer and then lowered at the lateral end to obtain the required fall.
- (3) The junction between the building sewer and the house drain or house plumbing shall be made water-tight.

(e) Location and Depth. Building sewers shall not be constructed closer than three feet to any exterior wall, cellar, basement or cistern nor shall they have less than two feet of earth or stone cover.

(f) Excavations. All excavation shall be by open-cut from the surface. The sides of the trench shall be substantially vertical, using such sheeting and bracing as may be necessary to accomplish this result. The bottom of the excavation shall be shaped as nearly as possible to fit the lower half of the sewer so that the pipe will have uniform bearing from end to end. In the event the trench is excavated below the required grade of the pipe, the excess space shall be filled with pea gravel grits or stone not over three-quarter inch in diameter. The width of the trench at the top of the pipe shall not exceed two feet plus the outside diameter of the pipe, nor shall the width be less than one foot plus the outside diameter of the pipe.

(g) Backfilling.

- (1) The building sewer shall be backfilled to an elevation at least six inches over the top of the pipe by tamping in six inch layers. Soil containing stones larger than six inches in the greatest dimension shall not be used for this portion of the backfill.
- (2) The balance of the backfill may be deposited in any manner which shall not damage the pipe or disturb the alignment or grade of the sewer; except that the balance of the backfilling shall be done in such manner and with such material as may be required by the permit referred to in Section 921.02.

(h) Work In Streets, Roads and Alleys. The sewer tapper to whom a permit is issued shall be responsible for obtaining any required permits to open cut any street, road or alley, from the appropriate political body or official having authority or jurisdiction over such work.

(i) Connections to the Lateral or Public Sewer.

- (1) If the connection is to be made to an existing Y-branch, the cap or plug shall be broken out with care so as to avoid damage to the bell of the branch or to the lateral sewer.
- (2) If a six inch connection is to be made to a lateral or public sewer at a point where no Y-branch has been provided, the pipe layer shall insert a new Y-branch in the main line when such main line is not over ten inches internal diameter. Where six inch connections are to be made in laterals or public sewers of twelve inches or over, internal diameter, an opening may be cut in the lateral of sufficient size to insert a properly shaped saddle connection. The saddle shall not be cemented in place or covered except in the presence of the inspector from the City.

(j) Existing Storm Sewers and Curb Drains.

- (1) The permit holder shall be required to repair or restore any drains or service lines damaged or disturbed by him during the construction of the building sewer.
- (2) Old or existing building sewers may be used in connection with new building or alterations only when it can be demonstrated that they conform in all respects to the requirements contained herein for new building sewers.

(k) Basement Excavations Not to Discharge Into Building Sewers. Surface water which collects in basement or foundation excavations shall not be discharged at any time into the building sewer. If the building sewer is completed before the plumbing can be connected thereto, the builder or sewer tapper shall keep the end of the building sewer tightly closed at all times with a plumbers plug or other water tight plug in order to prevent surface or ground water from entering the building sewer.

(l) Foundation Drains. Foundation drains shall not be connected, either directly or indirectly, to the building sewer or sewage system. If such drains are installed they shall be so constructed that the surface or subsurface water shall be carried to the street or to some other place of disposal.

(m) Water and Gas Services. Water and gas services shall not be laid in the same trench as the building sewer.

(n) Ground or Surface Water. Down spouts, surface inlets and subsurface drains, shall not be connected to or discharged into any part of the sanitary sewerage system.

(o) Deleterious Wastes. No person, firm or corporation shall discharge or permit the discharge of any deleterious wastes into the sewerage system. Such wastes are defined as oils, acids, cyanides, explosive or inflammable compounds, industrial chemicals, poisons and any other substance, gas or liquid which may in any way damage _or interfere with the use of operation of the sanitary sewers or sewage treatment plant or which may create a hazard to life or property.

921.05 PRIVATE SEWAGE DISPOSAL SYSTEMS PROHIBITED.

No person, firm or corporation shall construct or maintain any privy, privy vault, septic tank or cesspool ("private sewage system") on any lot or parcel which can be served by the sewerage system referred to herein. Upon order of the Franklin County Sanitarian, the owner of a nonperforming and / or polluting private sewage system shall connect to the City sewage system within ninety days after receipt of a final unappealable order.

921.06 WATER METERS REQUIRED.

A water meter shall be required for every premises having a connection to the sewerage system regardless of whether or not such premises are served by the Groveport Water System or the City of Columbus Water System. Water meters for users of the Groveport Water System shall be purchased from the City and shall be installed and maintained by the City. The cost of water meters and the installation and maintenance thereof shall be at the property owner's expense.

921.99 PENALTY.

In addition to the civil penalties prescribed in this Chapter and Chapter 925, whoever violates any provision of this chapter and Chapter 925 is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Each day on which a violation occurs or continues shall be deemed a separate violation.

CHAPTER 925

SEWER RATES, EXTENSIONS AND FEES

925.01 DEFINITIONS.

In addition to the definitions which are provided in section 921.02 of the City Ordinances, the following definitions shall pertain:

(a) "Available frontage" means the frontage for all parcels which abut on the water main or public sewer, as applicable. On corner parcels the frontage shall be the shortest frontage which abuts on a street right-of-way. Parcels which already abut on a sewer shall not be considered as part of the available frontage.

(b) "Corner parcel" means a lot or parcel abutting on two or more intersecting streets.

(c) "Front Foot" or "Front Footage" means the lot length abutting the public sewer installed in an adjacent right of way, determined as follows:

- (1) Lots or parcels of ground having the same width at the front and rear and the same depth on each side shall be charged for on the basis of the actual frontage; provided however that in the event the depth of such lot or parcel of ground abuts on a street or other public way and the owner elects to construct a building fronting on the street or public way abutting such depth, the front foot shall be determined by that lot length.
- (2) For lots or parcels of ground which are of irregular shape, "Front Foot" shall be determined on the basis of the width of such property as measured on the building setback line parallel to the centerline of the street upon which such property is to face, except that for lots or parcels of ground having curved frontage the width to be charged for shall be measured on a line parallel to and forty feet distant from a line tangent to such curved frontage at a point midway between the sides of the lots or parcels of ground.
- (3) When a parcel is to be served by a sewer running through an adjacent parcel, but not along adjacent road frontage, then Front Foot for that parcel shall be determined in accordance herewith as if the sewer was installed in the road upon which the parcel does front.
- (4) "Front Foot" shall be determined by the use of an engineer's scale applied to either the record drawings of the sewers sought to be tapped on file in the office or on the basis of the Franklin County GIS maps in the Auditor's office in the event of irregular lots. The widths so determined by the City issuing the permit shall be final.
- (5) Notwithstanding the foregoing, whenever the depth of a parcel exceeds the front footage by more than 150%, then an "Adjusted Front Foot" shall be used which shall be based on the following equation, provided, however, that if the owner of a parcel agrees to limit the parcel to only one connection to the sewer, then the Front Foot shall be determined by subsection (a) or (b) as otherwise applicable. "Adjusted Front Foot" shall be computed as follows:

Total Parcel Square Footage

$$\text{ADFF} = \frac{\text{Total Parcel Square Footage}}{\text{AFF} \times (\text{AFF} \times 250\%)} \times \text{AFF}$$

Where,

ADFF = Adjusted Front Foot width

AFF = Actual Front Foot width at building set back line

(d) "House sewer" means that part of the sanitary sewer system which connects the plumbing of the house or building to a common, public sewer, main or lateral.

(e) "Industrial wastes" means the liquid waste resulting from any commercial, manufacturing or industrial operation process.

(f) "Permit" means a legal, instrument requiring execution prior to approving a new sewer tap and connection or transfer of accounts.

(g) "Private sewer" means a sewer, other than a building sewer, not less than eight inches in diameter, connecting with and discharging directly into the sewerage system of the City, or indirectly into such system, through an authorized extension thereof, the construction of which is financed entirely or in part with other than public funds and which is designed to provide local service for property abutting the sewer or which may in the future about an extension thereof.

(h) "Reimbursable Costs" for Privately Built, Publicly Owned Sewers means, subject to the review and approval of the Administrator for reasonableness compared to like costs in the central Ohio area, the sum of the direct costs of construction of the sanitary sewer and related improvements (excluding any charges for costs of damaged materials or construction damage to adjacent properties), the costs of acquisition of any and all rights of way necessitated due to the line of said sewer being outside the existing public right of way, costs of restoration of the surface whether paved or not paved, costs of reconnection of all existing service laterals, all inspection and monitoring fees, all design and engineering fees and associated legal and appraisal fees directly attributable to construction of the sewer (including reimbursement of fees by City officials or its agents for provision of such services), all construction and maintenance bond fees necessary to secure assurance for project completion, and such other costs as the Administrator, in his sole discretion, shall deem appropriate to be included as Reimbursable Costs. Reimbursable Costs shall not include any developer overhead or similar indirect charges. Upon submission of a list of final Reimbursable Costs and supporting documentation verified by the developer, and upon approval thereof by the Administrator, Reimbursable Costs be certified by the Administrator within sixty (60) days of completion of construction as evidenced by the Administrator's issuance of a Certificate of Completion following the final inspection of the project. Reimbursable Costs shall not include amounts to be paid by the City as set forth in sections 925.08 for the costs of over sizing the sewer for future expansion.

(i) "Sewer service outside city" means sewer service furnished to consumers outside the corporate limits of the City. No new sewer service shall be extended outside the City limits without the express permission of the Director of Public Service of City of Columbus.

(j) "Tap" means the connection from the building sewer to the sewer main or lateral.

925.02 CHARGES WITHIN CORPORATE LIMITS.

(a) There is hereby charged to each lot, parcel of land, building or premises situated within the corporate limits of the City having any active sewer connection with the sewerage system of such City or otherwise discharging sewage, industrial, wastes, water or other liquids, either directly or indirectly into the City's sewerage system, a sewer charge, payable as hereinbefore provided and in the amount determinable as provided in subsection (b) hereof.

(b) For any such lot, parcel of land, building or premises having any connection with the City's sewerage system or otherwise discharging sanitary sewage, industrial wastes, water or other liquids, either directly or indirectly into the City's sewerage system, such charge shall be based upon the quantity of water used thereon or therein as the same is measured by a water meter or meters there in use, as hereinafter described, and there shall be charged:

For each thousand gallons of water used per billing cycle, the rate per thousand gallon as shown on a chart maintained by the Administrator reflecting the latest charges applicable as a result of the City's contract with the City of Columbus for sewage treatment and related services.

(c) In addition to the charges set forth above, the City may charge an additional rate for industrial wastes as required by the most current version of the sewage treatment contract with the City of Columbus, or subsequent replacement thereof, or amounts necessary to provide additional maintenance for the sewer system arising from the nature of such industrial discharges. Such additional charges shall be developed in concert with the City of Columbus and pursuant to applicable regulations by the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency.

925.03 SEWERAGE SYSTEM CAPACITY CHARGE.

(a) For the purpose of providing revenue to help finance and to more equitably distribute the cost of the construction of necessary additions to both the sewer system and the sewerage treatment facilities, it is hereby determined and declared necessary to provide for the establishment, exaction and regulation of a sanitary sewer system capacity charge as hereinafter determined with such charge to be in addition to any and all other fees which may be imposed with respect to the said sewer system.

(b) That the funds received from the collection of such charge, as it is herein authorized, shall be deposited daily with the Director of Finance who shall credit them to a special fund from which Council may take appropriations for the payment of the cost and expense of the construction, operation, maintenance, management and repair of the sanitary sewerage systems; regulator chambers, storm standby tanks, pumping stations and sewage treatment works and for the payment of the cost and expense and replacement, extensions to or the enlargement of same and for the payment of principal and interest on any debt incurred for the construction of such sewerage system, regulator chambers, storm standby tanks, pumping stations and sewage treatment works and for the creation of a sinking fund for the payment of such debt.

(c) That the Administrator shall be and he is hereby authorized and directed to exact a sanitary sewer system capacity charge whenever application is made for the issuance of a sewer permit to provide sanitary sewer service to a structure, wherever such property is or shall be tributary directly or indirectly, to any trunk sanitary sewer built by the City either inside or outside the corporate limits of the City Sewer Capacity (Tapping) Fees:

Size of Water Tap	Sewer Tap Charge
3/4"	\$5,594.00
1"	9,458.00
1-1/2"	18,817.00
2"	32,034.00
3"	69,714.00
4"	123,455.00
6"	262,769.00
8"	451,630.00
10"	782,922.00
12"	1,494,042.00
16"	2,595,244.00

(d) Notwithstanding the foregoing charges, in the event that an entity contracting with the City for collection and or treatment services for sanitary or industrial sewage imposes upon the City additional capacity or like kind charges as a condition of continuing to provide such collection and or treatment services or for new sewer connections, then the City shall pass on those charges plus a five percent (5%) administrative fee to those parcels or users otherwise obligated to pay such fees in accordance with the terms of the revised contract with the contracting entity.

925.04 SEWER FRONT FOOT CONNECTION CHARGE.

(a) Upon application being made to tap any main trunk or lateral sewer built and owned by the City for the purpose of draining the house sewer of any property directly into such main trunk or lateral sewer the Administrator shall cause a fee of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00) per Front Foot or Adjusted Front Foot as the case may be, if located within the City to be exacted for the privilege of making such a direct connection from the house sewer to such main or lateral sewer before a permit is issued therefore; provided that this charge shall not be imposed if the owner of the property concerned can show that he or his predecessor in title paid or is paying a special assessment for the construction of the main trunk or lateral sewer sought to be tapped or at his own expense constructed all or a part of such main trunk or lateral sewer sought to be tapped.

(b) Connection Charges for parcels outside the City limits served by contract with the City shall be charged in accordance with section 925.05.

(c) Connection Charges to Privately Built, Publicly Owned Sewers ("PBPOS"), whether inside or outside the City limits, shall be as set forth in section 925.08. For any PBPOS, the Reimbursable Costs shall be divided by the combination of Front Foot or Adjusted Front Foot to establish the per Front Foot cost associated with providing sewer service to each individual tract served by the sewer as constructed. The

Front Foot charge for each parcel served shall be certified by the Administrator within 90 days of issuance of the Certificate of Completion to the Franklin County Auditor.

925.05 RATES OUTSIDE CITY.

Sewer rates and other charges for outside the City shall be the inside City rates plus seventy-five percent (75%).

925.06 BILLING, METER READING, TERMS OF PAYMENT.

(a) Billing. The City will render bills for sewer service on a quarterly basis to users of the Groveport Water System. Payment of sewer bills shall be the responsibility of the property owner. Payment for sewer service shall be on the basis of water use determined by periodic reading of water meters.

In cases where a sewer customer uses ground water as a source of supply, to meet all or any portion of his needs, the City retains the right to insist that such water use be measured for payment of sewer charges as long as any or all of said use is discharged to the sewer system. Exception to this practice is permitted in cases where the ground water supply is used only for fire fighters purposes. In these cases where the ground water source is used for fire fighters purposes only, no charge shall be made provided that the owner files information regarding the system capacity, water quality, nature of use together with any additional information as from time to time might be requested by the Administrator.

In addition to the provision for shutting off water service, if a sewer rental charge is not paid within thirty days after it becomes due, a penalty of ten percent (10%) of the amount shall be added thereto. A "door tag" shall serve as the only final notice prior to disconnection. If the charge plus penalty is not paid within ninety days from date of billing, said charges shall constitute a lien on the property served and the Administrator may assess and collect said charges as provided in Ohio Revised Code section 729.49. In addition, see 925.99.

(b) Terms of Payment. Because sewer services to residents of the City are supplied by the City of Columbus terms of payment as contained hereinafter are established for the practice as it is now established.

(c) Services derived from Groveport's water supply system. The sewer rates prescribed in Sections 925.02 and 925.05 are net. If accounts are not paid within one calendar month from the date of billing, a gross rate, which is the net rate plus ten percent (10%) shall apply. The bills on overdue accounts shall be prepared and transmitted to all overdue accounts based on gross rates: If the rebilled gross rate is not paid within fifteen days from the rebilled date, the City shall have the right to shut off water services without notice. ~~Please refer to Section 933.10 (b) Hardship Arrangement. and~~

(d) Change of Ownership. It shall be the responsibility of property owners to whom the last or most recent bill has been sent, to notify the Administrator when any change in ownership occurs and to pay any accrued charges up to the date when such change is recorded. Failure to conform to this section shall not relieve the new owner from the payment of any unpaid current or delinquent charges, or from any penalties or procedures specified in Section 921.05.

925.07 SEWER EXTENSION.

The Administrator is authorized to provide sewer service to new consumers when he determines that the sewer line extension is feasible both economically and from an engineering point of view and shall not be detrimental to the best interest of the City having given consideration to the overall effect on the total sewer system and to the long term plans and probable future growth of the sewer system of the City.

925.08 CHARGE FOR EXTENSION OF SEWERS WITHIN THE CITY.

(a) Privately Built Sewers. Unless undertaken unilaterally by the City as set forth in subsection (b) below, all sewer extensions within or without the City shall be paid for and constructed by the applicants or developer requesting such extension. Upon acceptance by the Administrator, the completed sewer extensions shall be dedicated to the City of Groveport and become public property. Privately Built Sewer projects shall be undertaken with the approval of the Administrator, and in accordance with sealed plans prepared by an engineering firm acceptable to the Administrator, a private developer may undertake construction of the sanitary sewer project as follows:

- (1) No sewers shall be installed unless authorized by a Developer's Agreement entered into between the City and the developer or applicants. Where sewers are installed by a developer or applicants and abut on parcels not owned by the developer or applicants not included in the agreement, the developer or applicants shall be entitled to recover Reimbursable Costs when such parcels are connected to the sewer within ten years after the completion of the sewer from the funds collected by the City for such connections pursuant to Section 925.05. The amount of the reimbursement shall be determined by multiplying the Front Footage or Adjusted Front Footage for each parcel as determined by section 925.01(c) times the per foot Reimbursable Cost as determined by section 925.01(h).
- (2) To be eligible for this reimbursement, the developer or applicants shall file with the Administrator within forty five days after issuance of the Certificate of Completion the verified summary of Reimbursable Costs as defined in section 925.01(h), unless such time frame is extended by the Administrator upon timely request of the developer.
- (3) In the event that an owner of a developed parcel does not connect to the constructed sewer within twelve months of the date of issuance of the Certificate of Completion, or if ordered to connect a developed parcel to the sewer by the County Sanitarian but does not timely pay for such connection as provided herein, then annual interest at the rate of Two Percent (2%) in excess of the blended interest rate otherwise paid by the City on its outstanding bonded indebtedness at the time of completion of the sewer shall be collected from the person connecting from the date of completion until the connection charges are paid in full, which time shall not be more than Four (4) Years from the date of connection. The interest shall be paid over to the developer on the Reimbursable Costs then still outstanding. In the event that timely payment is not received at the time of connection, then the City shall certify the uncollected amount to the Franklin County Auditor for collection within the Four Year period as provided for in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 729. When undeveloped parcels are connected to the sewer upon their development, the owner shall pay its share of Reimbursable Costs plus interest from the date of completion of the sewer.
- (4) Oversizing of Sewers:
 - (A) Where a sewer extension or portion thereof to a residential customer(s) is required by the City to be installed larger than twelve inches in nominal diameter, the City shall pay one hundred and ten percent (110%) of the difference in the material cost of the pipe, fittings, and manholes between the installation of a twelve inch diameter sewer and the sewers actually installed.

- (B) Where a sewer extension or portion thereof is required by the City to be oversized to serve industrial or commercial customer(s) or through an industrial or commercial customer's property to serve tributary properties, the City shall pay one hundred and ten percent (110%) of the difference in material cost of the pipe, fittings, and manholes between the sewers installed, sized as required by the City and the size determined by the Administrator as the size necessary to serve the industrial or commercial property. In no case, shall the size determined be less than twelve inches in diameter.

(b) City Built Sewers

- (1) For each sewer extension installed by the City, the Administrator shall make an estimate of the total costs involved as set forth in Reimbursable Costs above, which Costs shall include the reasonable costs of securing bond financing.
- (2) When sewer extensions are installed by the City for residential use the cost may be assessed against the abutting property owners, with the approval of Council. Such assessment shall be in an amount equal to the total installation cost unless the sewer is required by the City to be larger than twelve inches. When the sewer is required by the City to be installed larger than twelve inches, the amount assessed shall be the total installation cost less one hundred ten percent (110%) of the difference in the cost of the pipes, fittings and manholes between the installation of a twelve inch sewer and the sewer main installed. The cost shall be determined as prescribed in subsection (b) hereof.
- (3) When sewer extensions are installed by the City for industrial or commercial use, the cost may be assessed against the abutting property owners, with the approval of Council. Such assessment shall be in an amount equal to the total installation cost unless the Administrator requires over sizing of the sewer line. When over sizing of the sewer is required by the City, the amount assessed shall be the total installation cost less one hundred ten percent (110%) of the difference in the cost of the pipes, fittings and manholes between the sewers installed and the size sewers determined necessary to serve the industrial or commercial property but in no case less than twelve inches.
- (4) When the cost of sewer extensions are to be assessed against the abutting property owners, the City shall follow the procedures set forth in Ohio Revised Code Chapter 729.

(c) Common Procedures for Publicly and Privately Built projects.

- (1) The Administrator shall have sole authority to authorize sewer extensions to be installed by a qualified developer and qualified contractor, or he shall determine that the sewer shall be installed by the City. The Administrator shall have sole authority to determine the appropriate size of each sewer or portion thereof. The size of all sewers shall be determined by the Administrator and shall be large enough not only to serve the areas under immediate consideration but also to serve areas which are likely to be developed and which should be served by the sewer under consideration. Unless otherwise required by the Administrator no sewer shall be smaller than eight inches nominal diameter. The specifications and standards of construction for all sewer extensions shall be prepared by the Administrator. All extensions of sewers

shall include the installation of fittings and manholes. The number and location of all wyes shall be as required by the Administrator. Plans and installation shall be subject to approval of the Administrator.

- (2) All sewers and appurtenances shall be owned, operated and maintained by the City, with title to be vested in the City upon completion of the sewer.

925.09 SEWER RATES FOR USERS ON COLUMBUS WATER LINE.

The City of Columbus is hereby authorized to directly bill those users within the City who are on the Columbus water system at the regular Columbus rate plus a ten percent (10%) surcharge.

925.99 PENALTY.

In addition to the civil penalties prescribed in this chapter and Chapter 921, whoever violates any provision of this chapter and Chapter 921 is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Each day on which a violation occurs or continues shall be deemed a separate violation.